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The most significant military action remains centered in the

northern provinces where activity picked up slightly on September 18-19. Along the normally quiet cease-fire line in Quang Tri Province, the Communists have increased their shellings of South Vietnamese Marine positions and the Marines have been returning the fire. Eight Marine strongpoints northwest of Hue were shelled and then assaulted. There was also a general increase in Communist-initiated actions in southern Military Region 1 on September 18-19. The most significant action was the continued Communist effort to overrun the isolated government outpost of Gia Vuc

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in southwestern Quang Ngai Province. Also on September 19, Communist sappers caused considerable damage to a radar site on Monkey Mountain, just five miles northeast of Da Nang.